

thickness of the plate is formed, and that then the plate is heat treated and/or ceramicized to reach its finished state.

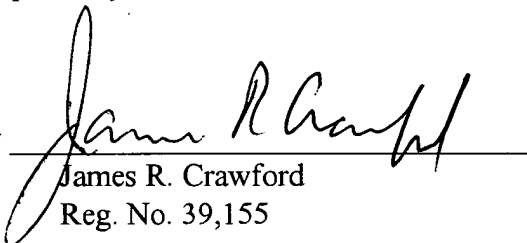
28. Method according to claim 27, wherein the plate is heated in the green state to reduce thermal stresses and additionally heated in its marginal area and upset or shaped by means of a forming tool to form the profiled part.

REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to conform the claims to U.S. practice.

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